

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 27th OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillor. D Atkinson (Chairman), Councillors, S. Close, J. McFarlane, J Waring, J.Walton, Councillor A. Brown as CDC Representative, Clerk J Fieldhouse and 1 member of the public.

164/22 APOLOGISE AND REASON FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S. Trigg and applicant for Co Option as Councillor sends their apologies.

165/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member of the public attended to raise concerns of health and safety issues to the general public as follows:

Issue 1. Inconsiderate Parking causing dangerous obstructions to access for turning vehicles in a small cul-de-sac with a hammerhead on High Croft Way.

Issue 2. Parking on Grange Road/bend by the Arbour with overgrown ivy and the effects of a car and a bike rider being able to pass said vehicles at the same time.

Issue 3. There are no slowdown signs by Priest Bank or the spring-loaded gate on Redman Swing bridge for cyclists, so they are going over at speed not knowing the dangers ahead. The member of public believes that a gate would make them stop before going over the bridge at speed and injuring themselves and other road/path users.

Councillors 'decision regarding:-

Issue 1. It was agreed that it may be worth in the resident investing in his own sign to prevent parking and to also raise the issue with NY Highways online. Councillor A. Brown has confirmed that he will also look into this matter and should the resident have any further concerns he can flag these up to Councillor Brown and he will do what he can to assist.

Issue 2. Chair Councillor D. Atkinson confirmed that issues with Grange Road have been raised with Highways and the response we received regarding this was that Parking restrictions are not supported as this will just cause further issues however they will enhance the road markings. It was agreed that the Clerk will write back to Highways and notify them of the new parking issues raised and the Councillors will try to speak with the landowner and/or the Land Manager for the Moors about overgrowing ivy adding to the issues.

Issue 3. Clerk to write back to the Canal & River Trust making the suggestion of placing a gate on Redmans Bridge to attempt to slow down cyclists and also to highlight the dangers of the broken railing and whether they have a date to repair this.

166/22 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor J. Waring declared her interest in the purchase of Maintenance Equipment owing to the fact that she has a new mower to sell.

167/22 BUDGETS

It was agreed that all Councillors needed to analyze these and come back at the next meeting for the Precepts to be decided for 2023/2024.

168/22 APPLICATION FOR CO. OPTION AS A COUNCILLOR

Unfortunately, the Applicant was unable to make this meeting and has withdrawn.

169/22 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH AUGUST AND 29TH SEPTEMBER 2022.

All Councillors in agreement. Councillor S. Close Proposed and Councillor J. McFarlane 2nd the proposal - both sets of minutes approved and signed off by Chair D. Atkinson.

170/22 UPDATE FROM CDC (CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL) REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor A. Brown confirmed that there are changes being made to Planning to keep an eye on and the Fracking ban has been reverted. Consumer Inflation has gone up by 10.1 % causing further disruption and budget cuts. There are concerns over projects even happening now owing to cost increase issues. CDC are in winding down mode now and Planning Committees has been cancelled owing to insufficient applications.

There is a selection committee who are now scrutinizing the law courts of Skipton and people are having to travel to Scarborough and other distant courts for cases.

NYCC are currently focusing on the transition of CDC which is looking more like a takeover than a merger and they want easy passage for Planning in their plans to combine Skipton and Ripon which Councillor Brown believes is going to cause issues around the fact that the person making the decisions on Planning won't understand the local circumstances and they are further discussing combining with Richmondshire as well.

The Consultation of Devolution is looking as follows:-

1. Decision at Parish Level
2. Then to consider any concerns raised by neighbours
3. Local area committees for Skipton and Ripon
4. NYCC who are currently looking into becoming joint with York to get a Mayor.

171/22 CANAL AND RIVER TRUST ISSUES

Clerk read out the response received from Canal and River Trust regarding all issues. It was agreed that Clerk needs to go back to the Canal and River Trust and highlight the broken railings on Redman Swing Bridge once more and request a risk assessment be undertaken urgently if not already been done as parishioners and Councillors alike are highly concerned about the significant hazard it currently imposes on users. There have also been a significant number of complaints about the speed of cyclists on the path and the bridge in this area with a complete disregard for the safety of other users/ pedestrians and it has been suggested by a parishioner to maybe install a gate that makes cyclists stop/ slowdown.

172/22 ISSUES RAISED BY PARISHIONERS

- a) Clerk to chase Highways for any possible resolutions to the speed cyclists are travelling at down Main Street.
- b) Canal and River Trust have been notified of the need for pedestrian priority signage and they will do what they can but low on funding.
- c) Yorkshire Housing has confirmed that they will have the Ash tree removed and top all the remaining trees on Lang Kirk Close to keep them healthy and safe.

173/22 SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDER – RE NEW PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE NALC MODEL

Councillor Trigg absent to discuss progress at next meeting.

174/22 PLANNING APPLICATION 2022/24431/HH REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY WITH SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION HILLCREST ON STARKEY LANE, FARNHILL, KEIGHLEY, BD20 9AN

All Councilors present in favor of supporting this application.

This Application can be viewed at the following link:
<https://publicaccess.cravendc.gov.uk/online-applications>.

175/22 PLANNING APPLICATION 2022/24221/HH FAIRMOUNT ON STARKEY LANE, FARNHILL BD20 9AW NEW FIRST FLOOR TO EXISTING BUNGALOW PLUS MINOR CHANGE TO REAR PORCH EXTENSION

This Application has now been approved.

176/22 POPPY WREATH & REPRESENTATIVE OF FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL TO LAY THE WREATH

It was agreed that Clerk will purchase a wreath from Royal British Legion in the sum of £19.99 and both Chair D. Atkinson and Councillor S. Close were available to represent the Parish Council for Remembrance Day service taking place on Sunday 13th November at 11am.

177/22 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- a. Councillor confirmed the response we received following the list of concerns highlighted at the annual meeting of the Parish from Highways has not been fully liaised with the parishioners as some was missed out. It was agreed that any missing elements can be summarized in the Christmas news letters along with any other updates. The current position with regards to the drains is that we are currently awaiting a date for the repairs to be undertaken.
- b. Lighting issues:

- i. Hanover Street – it was agreed that Councillor J. Waring would contact NYCC Lighting and chase the for the quoted work to be undertaken
- ii. Inspection schedule leading to replacement programme will be queried by Councillor J. Waring when she chases up the light replacement for Hanover Street.
- iii. Increase in lighting fees and suggestion of putting in LED lighting to save money in the long run. [It was agreed that this will have to be done gradually as not sufficient budgets to do all at once due to the increase of lighting fees. To await inspections report.
- c. Items for the play area:
 - i. It was agreed unanimously that Chair D. Atkinson can read through the Lease and use his judgement to finalise / sign the Lease.
 - ii. It was agreed that the work undertaken to date was very successful and that Councillors S. Close and J. McFarlane will organise a further volunteer meeting (weather permitting) to paint the equipment and put compost and grass seed around the matting.
 - iii. Electrical Point Installation, it was agreed that this process is very intricate and not as straight forward as initially understood. Unfortunately, it does not appear that this will be resolved in time for Christmas this year however it was agreed that Councillor J. Waring is going to run an experiment with a solar panel from her stock to see if this would suffice for powering the tree lights. Councillor J. Waring delegated to purchase some lights to conduct her experiment. All agreed.
 - iv. Clerk to go back to Craven District Council Property Management Team and chase urgent action regarding the repairs to the wall.
 - v. Councillor S. Trigg should have the inspection folder at present, but she was not available for this meeting.
- d. Chair D. Atkinson confirmed that the Parish Council has achieved a lot recently especially over the last month and we should continue working collectively as we are.
- e. The discussion regarding Standing Orders will be adjourned to the next meeting

178/22 ARBICULTORISTS TREE INSPECTION AND WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE ARBOUR AND PINFOLDS / APPLICATIONS TO UNDERTAKE THE SAME

It was agreed that the quote we have received from the arboriculturist to carry out removal of deadwood to all trees as required and carry out climbing inspection to all trees as required for duty of care and insurance purpose to bring the trees back into a managed state was fine but we needed to get confirmation from the resident renting the Pinfolds to make sure that they are happy with the quote and will pay the fees for the Pinfolds works to be carried out. Clerk to contact the resident and read word for word what the quote is for and ask if the proposed fees are acceptable with him and if he will be prepared to pay the same. If so Clerk to then give the Arboriculturist the go ahead on the quote for the Pinfolds and the Arbour.

A Councillor was a little concerned that there may be more trees within the village that we are not aware of ownership for so he is going to look into this. It was agreed that if it transpires there are more trees that the Parish are responsible for then we can look at getting another quote but for the time being we need to get the ones done that we know we are responsible for.

Councillor S. Close kindly agreed to take a look at the Triangular bit of land at the top of the village to make sure there are no trees on this plot of land that the Parish may be responsible for.

179/22 MAINTENCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE UPKEEP OF FARNHILL

Councillor J Waring declared an interest in this matter and therefore she did not participate within the decision making. Councillor S. Close confirmed there was a large selection of mowers at ACW but none better than the one Councillor J. Waring was selling.

Chair D. Atkinson proposed that the Parish purchase the mower from Councillor Waring on that basis. Councillor J. Walton 2nd the proposal. The mower will be stored in Councillor S Triggs shed

180/22 **APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM CDC TOWARDS ELECTRICAL POINT**

This is no longer relevant as the electrical point has been placed on hold owing to complexities, and legalities of having one installed.

181/22 **COMMUNITY SPEED GROUP**

Clerk to respond to parishioners' e-mail confirming that unfortunately the Parish Council have no jurisdiction over these matters however he can make an official complaint on the NYCC webpage to Highways. Clerk to also confirm that a member of the village may be looking into setting up a community speed group and if this resident would be happy for his details to be put forward as a possible participant in the scheme.

Councillor S. Close is going to speak with the resident who may be willing to head this group.

182/22 **WALLS ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE**

The issues have been raised with Craven District Council and they have undertaken one inspection and are now in the process of obtaining a specialist report from a surveyor.

With regards to the wall just after the Culvert at the bottom of Main Street Clerk has received a response confirming advice has been supplied to the resident on what steps they can take in order to sort ownership of the wall and maintenance responsibilities however these are not the responsibility of NYCC Public Footways.

183/22 **THE MOOR REGARDING BROKEN SIGNAGE**

Clerk to chase this up.

184/22 **RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH RESIDENT FOR LAND DESCRIBED AS GARDEN RENTAL – CLARIFICATION OF WORDING / DATING OF THE SAME**

It was agreed that the Clerk needs to amend the wording of the standard contract to include the fact that this is to formalise the historic informal verbal agreement between the Parish Council and the resident renting the land however the written contract will be dated from the date of sending to the resident.

Chair D Atkinson will try to locate a map of the land in question to attach the contract for completion.

185/22 **CITIZENS ADVICE DONATION – PROOF OF GENUINE ACCOUNT**

Clerk to write back and confirm that the Parish are unable to verify the account details supplied therefore until the same can be verified they will not make the donation.

186/22 **SOUTH CRAVEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

It was agreed that Clerk should send a donation in the sum of £50.00 from Farnhill Parish Council and confirm that Kildwick is a separate Parish and they may wish to contact them direct.

187/22 IF A DD HAS BEEN SET UP FOR PAYMENT OF DOMAIN RENEWAL OF HISTORY GROUPS WEBSITE

Deferred to next meeting

188/22 POSSIBLE CHANGES TO MEETING TIMES

It was agreed that the times will need to stay as they are on another note a Councillor requested a time restriction on the WhatsApp Group chat to only be within the working day as phone is beeping out of work hours. Unfortunately, some of the Councillors can only send messages after the working hours as they are working during the day. It was agreed that 7pm should be the latest time in which to send WhatsApp messages and thereafter e-mails can be sent at any time.

189/22 RESPONSES TO LETTERS, EMAILS AND PHONE CALLS

A Councillor mentioned the email requesting if anyone from the Parish would like to Co-opt on to the Standards Committee but there was no one able to take on more duties.

There was an email received from a member of public living abroad claiming to be in the process of purchasing a house in Farnhill and wanting the Parish Council to forward hardcopy plans of the village and provide full details of the local amenities, schools etc. It was decided that this email seems very dubious given that this information can be located via the Estate Agents / internet etc. Clerk should not respond to this request and delete it.

190/22 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

All payments below approved. The Citizens Advice payment in the sum of £50.00 was declined due to failure to provide proof of account. Councillor J. Waring proposed and Councillor S. Close 2nd the proposal.

Jodie Fieldhouse (Salary October)	£216.98
Nest Pension	£11.46
Play Area Repair Equipment, paint x2, grass seed	£47.80
Maintenance Invoice	£450.00

191/22 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Signposting request should be passed to S. Trigg to consider as she is dealing with the website.
- b) Speeding enquiry dealt with earlier in the meeting
- c) Legacy Sub-Committee nominations – none put forward.

192/22 MINOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ITEMS TO GO ON AGENDA NEXT MONTH

A Councillor has received a message asking if anyone is struggling for pet food to put their names forward for a food package however another Councillor confirmed that the villagers are very proud people. In lockdown there was a food bank set up for people struggling to feed their children however when Councillors asked residents with children if they would like any assistance the resounding response was that none of them needed this assistance.

193/22 HOLIDAYS

Clerk noted down any Councillors unavailability's.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2022 @ 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL
INSTITUTE**
All members of the village are welcome to attend.